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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Honorable José Enrique Avilés Santiago Mayor Municipality of Moca P.O. Box 1571 Moca, Puerto Rico 00676

Re:

Municipality of Moca Separate Storm Sewer System

NPDES Storm Water Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit PRR040025

Dear Mayor Avilés:

This letter is in reference to the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program audit conducted at the Municipality from August 12 to 13, 2013. The audit was performed by EPA's Caribbean Environmental Protection Division (CEPD), and an EPA contractor, PG Environmental, LLC (PG). The audit mainly consisted in a review of specific program components in the Municipality's MS4 permit (e.g., Illicit Discharges Detection and Elimination, Construction Site Runoff Control, and Pollution Prevention).

Enclosed is a copy of the NPDES Water Compliance Inspection Report (Report) prepared by PG in behalf of EPA, which summarizes the findings of the audit and identifies deficiencies throughout the Municipality's program. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and within forty five (45) calendar days, the Municipality of Moca must provide a written response with the actions planned or taken to correct the findings.

In addition, EPA has issued a Notice of a Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit, PRR040000/PRR04000F, for discharges from small MS4 from urbanized areas within the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to waters of the United States. Public comments must be received on or before August 11, 2014. You may download the draft general permit, the fact sheet and the Federal Register notice from EPA's website: www.epa.gov/region02/water/permits.html.

We look forward to your cooperation with this matter. If you have questions or comments on this evaluation process, please have your staff contact Mrs. Yolianne Maclay at (787) 977-5849 or through electronic mail at maclay.yolianne@epa.gov or Mr. Sergio Bosques at (787) 977-5838 or through electronic mail at bosques.sergio@epa.gov.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Nancy Rodríguez,

Multimedia Permits and Compliance Branch Chief